

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: April 5, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:13 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Greg Bowes, Chair

Patrice Abduallah

Rozelle Boyd

Ginny Cain

Susie Day

ABSENT

Joanne Sanders

Scott Schneider

AGENDA

Presentation on Warren Pride – Ruth Ann Walker

Warren Township Web Page Presentation – Warren Central Walker Career Center
Students

Community Affairs Committee

The Community Affairs Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at the Walker Career Center. Chair Greg Bowes called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. with the following members present: Patrice Abdullah, Rozelle Boyd, Susie Day, and Ginny Cain. Also present were President Steve Talley and Councillor Vernon Brown. Absent were Joanne Sanders and Scott Schneider.

Chair Bowes welcomed everyone to the meeting to see some of the things that citizens of Warren Township have done to make their community a better place to live.

Robert Schreiber, Director of the Walker Career Center, welcomed members to Warren Township to hear some exciting things that are being done in their community. Mr. Schreiber stated that he is pleased to have the committee here tonight.

Presentation on Warren Pride – Ruth Ann Walker

Ruth Ann Walker, Coordinator for Warren Pride, stated that working in her profession of Economic Development, she believes in visual appearance and that you get one chance to showcase your community's appearance. Five years ago, when Warren Pride began, there were 900 volunteers who picked up 10 tons of trash. Last year the program grew to include 9,700 participants who collected 55 tons of trash. This year's goal is to have over 10,000 participants. She shared the appreciation to community organizations, churches, students who have put forth the effort to clean up the neighborhood. Mrs. Walker also stated that Warren Pride Cleanup will be on April 23, 2005.

Chair Bowes stated that he is very impressed with the work that has been done to clean up the community and wishes much success in the coming years.

Presentation on "Will" Power Walk – Julie Patterson

Julie Patterson, Media coordinator for the "Will" Power Walk, stated that the "Will" Power Walk/Run is in its third year in Warren Township. The "Will" Power Walk benefits the "Kids Caring and Sharing" program, a project of Indiana Association of School Principals. All proceeds go directly to the Riley Hospital for Children Foundation. The "Will" Power Walk/Run was inspired by one of the administrators at the Warren Central High School, Rich Shepler, whose son was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia three years ago. The community came together to help this family raise money by starting the "Will" Power Walk/Run.

Warren Township Web Page Presentation – Warren Central Walker Career Center Students

Allison Strother, Director of the Academy of Information Technology, thanked the committee for coming out to Warren Township to let the students from the Academy showcase what they have been working on regarding "Discovering Warren Township."

David Auble, Project Manager of the website, "Discovering Warren Township," introduced his team which consists of, Tony Drake, Kenneth Gootee, and Kyle Yates. Mr. Auble stated that the team has spent many hours doing extensive research to put this together. Mr. Auble gave a brief presentation and some of the key points were:

- All elementary, middle, high school and universities are listed with links to each school and lists addresses, phone numbers, and their individual websites.
- All major hotels, apartments, and housing additions are listed with addresses, phone numbers, and websites for those who might be considering a move to a new community.
- Links to leisure activities, Washington Square Mall, all major specialty shops, dining, recreational facilities and a link to Downtown activities where there are major sports teams.
- Link to Fun Facts on Warren Township, including Cumberland and Irvington, how the township began and who the founders were.
- Links to police and fire and all their branches, from the information desk to traffic violations.
- Health Services, including all medical facilities from hospitals to immediate care centers with addresses and phone numbers.
- All churches are listed by denomination with phone numbers and addresses, and the site will include an interactive map on their locations.
- Quick Facts link to show the general demographics of Warren residents including average age, number of family members, average income.

Chair Bowes congratulated the students on a fantastic job with the website. He also said that they should be very proud of the work that they have done.

Councillor Boyd asked if the students have a marketing plan for advertising their CD-rom to anyone such as realtors. He also asked if the website was funded.

Mr. Auble stated that they are planning on distributing their CD to major companies, realtors, stores, and anyone who is interested in knowing about Warren Township, and that they are funded through Community Health Network.

Councillor Abdullah stated that the students should be commended for their time and effort put into making this CD-rom, and that it will be a tremendous marketing tool throughout the county.

Ms. Strother stated that she is very proud of the students and that they have done a great job and worked very diligently on completing the CD. She also stated that they have to add the Spanish section and a few more items. These students are seniors and once they graduate, the website will be kept going by an advisory board member. Ms. Strother also stated that two of her students will be going with her to the Academy of Foundation Conference in San Diego, where they will present their web page.

Council President Talley stated that he will talk with other councillors and look into linking the students' website to the Council website.

Chair Bowes thanked Ms. Strother and the students on a fantastic job with their presentation.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Community Affairs Committee of the City County Council was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Bowes, Chair
Community Affairs Committee

GB/lw